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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. J. LEE RANKIN, General Counsel

FROM: Howard P. Willens

RE: Daily Report from Dallas
Thursday, March 26, 1964

Mr. Hubert called this evening and stated that depositions were taken last evening from Reserve Officer C. O. Arnett, Detective D. R. Archer, Sgt. R. J. Maney, and Reserve Officer H. J. Newman. The Newman deposition went on until half past one last night and again this afternoon (Thursday) from 2 to 4:45 pm.

During the day the following depositions were taken by the designated members of the staff:

Witness	Staff Member
Det. D. H. Combest	Messrs. Hubert & Griffin
Det. B. L. Senty	"
Det. J. C. Watson	"
Det. W. J. Gutchey	"
Capt. Talbert	"
Res. Officer W. J. [illegible]	"
Mr. & Mrs. Ygnacio Valdez	Mr. Jenner

Mr. Hubert proposes for tonight the depositions of the Reserve Officers - M. P. Kelly, H. M. Reid, R. L. Mayo, W. B. Hensley, K. H. Croy and A. D. Brock. For tomorrow, Friday, March 27th, plans call for depositions of Buey Reeves and Dallas Deputy Sheriffs Allen Sheppard, Eugene Boone and J. Harold Ramsey.

Mr. Hubert also informed me that he had received information from Dean Storey to the effect that the reporter in the Ruby trial has not yet begun preparing the transcript. Apparently Ruby has filed a pauper's oath and the reporter is uncertain as to whether he will be compensated for his work. The State of Texas will pay in the event that Ruby's pauper's oath is rejected. Dean Storey

will be back Monday, March 30, on his way to Europe for 4 weeks. I think we should try to persuade the Texas officials to instruct the reporters to begin work as soon as possible.

I asked Mr. Eckert to ask Mr. Griffin to prepare a memorandum regarding his deposition of Detective Dean. Mr. Griffin is in Fort Worth and will be back in Washington on Saturday. United States Attorney Sanders talked with District Attorney Wade and feels that this difficulty has been smoothed over. The United States Attorney agreed with Wade that, if this conduct took place, it was unacceptable to the Commission.

I informed United States Attorney Sanders regarding the agreement reached today between you and Attorney General Carr as to the availability of the transcript in Dallas. Mr. Sanders informed me that he was prepared to keep one copy of all the deposition transcripts in his office and permit Carr's representative to read them there. According to Mr. Sanders, Mr. Sparler has already left Dallas with two copies of the transcript of 6 for depositions, so that arrangements will have to be made to return one of these to Mr. Sanders.